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Historic Asian American and Pacific Islander Civic Engagement Event on Friday

In partnership with the statewide Asian American and Pacific Islander community, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) is pleased to announce a historic event that will be taking place at the Tacoma Dome on Friday, September 21, 2012. Over 100 organizations in our state will participate in the 2012 Asian Pacific American Summit: Celebrating Unity & Civic Involvement.

Thousands of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders will gather in Tacoma for the statewide summit at 10 a.m. This event will celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander unity, diversity and civic engagement in Washington State.

The Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC), a statewide network of Asian and Pacific Islander community groups organizing the summit, expects this to be the largest event of its kind in the nation. Showcasing Asian and Pacific Islander cultural entertainment, organizations, and businesses, the summit will bring together registered voters who speak more than 20 languages and will help register additional voters. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are our country's fastest growing racial minority group.

Mee Moua, the first Hmong woman elected to a state senate and current President of the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker. This is a non-partisan civic engagement event.

Participants are expected from all over Washington, including King, Pierce, Snohomish, Yakima, Spokane and Thurston counties. Over 100 endorsing organizations and sponsors have made this Summit possible.

What: 2012 Asian Pacific American Summit: Celebrating Unity & Civic Involvement

Who: A free event open to all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders – youth, adults and seniors.

When: Friday, September 21, 2012 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall, 2727 E D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421

Website: www.apicwa.org/summit

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CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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